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FOUR SALOON LICENSE TRANSFERS FOUGHT BY WEST PHILADELPHIANS

One Applicant Admits That His Plea Has Been Rejected on Five Occasions

FOUR OTHERS TRIED, TOO

West Philadelphians thronged the License Court today to protest against four applications for the transfer of saloon licenses from other sections of the city to their section. One of the applications was for a transfer of a license from a business section of West Philadelphia to take the license from the corner of 50th and Lansdowne avenue, but all were fought with equal vehemence.

LANSDOWNE AVENUE PLEA

The first of the West Philadelphia applications called was that for the corner of 60th and Lansdowne avenue. Hughes said that unless the court allowed him to take the license from 217 Market street to the West Philadelphia address, he did not wish to have the license transferred to himself from its present holder, Lynch.

FREQUENTER RECOGNIZED

Harry C. Dennis, 662 Lansdowne avenue, which is next door to the proposed saloon, was recognized as a frequent witness in the License Court. He said he had appeared in court no less than nine times in objecting to a saloon next to his home. He said Hughes was mistaken in saying that the license had been refused in the License Court. He said there were enough saloons in the vicinity to supply any "necessity."

DUELIST IS KILLED IN A STREET BATTLE

Italian Victim of Shot at Eighth and Rising Sun Lane. Slayer Escapes

An Italian was shot and killed at noon today in the police way is a revolver duel at 8th street and Rising Sun lane. His assailant escaped.

Cartridge Explodes in Boy's Mouth

A 17-year-old boy was brought to the Cooper Hospital in Camden today suffering from burst of the head and mouth, received when a cartridge which he held between his teeth exploded. The boy was Benjamin King, of Thorofare, N. J. The boy found the cartridge yesterday.

Testimony in Mehr Case Completed

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 3.—The evidence in the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth P. Mehr and the negro defendants accused of the murder of Doctor Mehr, is all in. The jury will retire in a few minutes to begin its deliberations.

Insurance as a Profession

Two men who were wanted for Philadelphia County, Kansas, Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, Pa.

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BLESSING OF THROATS DRAWS THOUSANDS OF CATHOLICS TO ALTARS

Record-Breaking Observance of Feast of St. Blaise in Churches in All Parts of City

MANY SUFFERERS THERE

Never before has the feast of St. Blaise been observed by so many Catholics in this city as it was today. The blessing of throats, which is the most distinctive feature of the day, brought a throng of believers to the altar rail of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 21st street, above Chestnut. As soon as those who kneel in the long line upon the marble step crossed themselves and left it, others took their places.

MARTYRDOM OF ST. BLAISE

St. Blaise suffered martyrdom in the year 315. As he was led to trial he was approached by a woman carrying her child, who was choking from a bone in the throat. The saint touched the child's throat and prayed for her relief and she was cured. Then he proceeded to his trial, after which he suffered.

That was just 1600 years ago. Those who prayed today to partake of so great a faith were men, women and children—a great many of them children, for in the parochial schools the pupils received the blessing. St. John's was the most crowded of all the churches, because of its central location, hundreds of young girls coming from their work at the lunch hour, blessing themselves with holy water, they proceeded to the railing and knelt in prayer.

LEAVES \$7500 TO NIECE

Will of Annie R. Callender and Other Documents Probated

An estate valued at \$7500, by the will of Annie R. Callender, 483 Cedar avenue, is left to Alice C. Blennerhassett, a niece of the testatrix, with the admonition that she neither give away nor lend any of the money to friends or relatives. The will was admitted to probate today by Register Sheehan.

Other wills probated today were those of August Walliser, 531 East Hermitage street, which disposes of property valued at \$20,000 in private bequests; Louise W. Hunter, 3909 Drexel road, \$13,000; Minnie V. Fratley, 138 South 25th street, \$6500; Henrietta Manson, 1022 Brown street, \$2000; Julia Krimmel, 216 Hartville street, \$2000; Gottfried Faust, 1918 East Lehigh avenue, \$2100. The personal effects of the estate of William F. Englehart have been appraised at \$29,732.25; redrick Hemmery, \$5,645.00; Michael Shields, \$10,178, and Hugh McArthur, \$4742.30.

TWO AUTO FIRMS NOW IN FIGHT ON HYPHEN IN CITY

Vim Motortruck and Biddle Motorcar Companies Lead in War

DECLARE BAN ON ALIENS

Two prominent automobile manufacturing concerns of this city have taken the lead in a patriotic movement to declare war on hyphenated Americanism in Philadelphia along the lines suggested by the Packard Motor Car Company of Detroit. Under the plan unhyphenated Americans will have practically no chance for advancement while in the employ of these concerns.

The Philadelphia manufacturers who have undertaken to promote the movement are:

THE VIM MOTOR TRUCK COMPANY, with plants at Broad and Huntingdon streets, 20th street and Montgomery avenue, and in North Wales.

THE BIDDLE MOTOR CAR COMPANY, Germantown and Allegheny avenues.

The Vim Motortruck Company was the first to make a stand against hyphenated Americans in Philadelphia. Harold B. Larzelere, vice president and general manager of the company, today issued a statement asserting that yesterday the concern took drastic action against unhyphenated Americans in its employ.

Shortly before noon today Arthur M. Maris, president of the Biddle Motorcar Company, Germantown and Allegheny avenues, announced that he had committed that organization to the idea and had posted notices that unhyphenated citizens could not be promoted and that American allegiance was necessary to win any considerable success with his company.

In his appeal for other Philadelphia manufacturers to get into line against the hyphen, Mr. Larzelere asserted that the situation is serious and that the business men of this nation must take action if they hope to escape disaster. He declared that the hyphen is backing a propaganda of treason in this country and that manufacturers and business men must do their share toward stamping out the evil.

Characterizing the hyphen as a parasite, Mr. Larzelere asserted that they should be driven from the country if they could not be made to respect American institutions and ideals.

WHAT MR. LARZELERE SAYS

Mr. Larzelere's statement follows: "It is apparent that the institutions of this country are being threatened by a spirit of disloyalty which has been termed hyphenated Americanism."

"It is high time that the business men of this country and other true Americans get together and do their share toward eliminating this spirit of disloyalty which has been cropping up in every part of the United States."

"Every day we read how aliens have sneered and made light of our public institutions and how they have tried to besmirch the lofty ideals established by the founders of this republic."

"The situation is serious, and if true Americans of this country hope to safeguard the nation they must do something. These aliens come to our shores seeking self-improvement and liberty. Many of them are in the confidence of our heads of our factories and other institutions; these men are paid high salaries; they have received every attention, have been welcomed with the hospitality for which America is noted, and they have benefited by the advantages offered by the United States."

"ABUSED OUR HOSPITALITY"

"We feel that they have abused our hospitality, that they have cast into the dust some of our most sacred ideals—must stop. There is no reason why the good things of this republic should not be turned over to the true American—the man who thinks enough of this country to become naturalized and take his stand for the Stars and Stripes without regard to tradition and affiliation, which he may have left behind across the ocean."

"To give naturalized citizens the full benefit of this country to the exclusion of the hyphenated we believe will result in stamping out the treason which is rampant in the land."

PROMOTIONS FOR AMERICANS

"It is our intention to give all of the positions of trust in our three plants to naturalized Americans—men who have the

BERNSTORFF RECEIVES NOTICE OF NEW NOTE

Instructions from Berlin on Lusitania Expected Here by Saturday

BERLIN, Feb. 3.

The semi-official Overseas News Agency today gave out the following statement, which is regarded here as indicating the nature of the German reply to the latest American demand with reference to the sinking of the Lusitania:

"A leading authority on international law, when asked about the legal aspects of the Lusitania question, answered:

"According to the reports of the English press, the question is now whether Germany officially admits that the sinking of the Lusitania was 'illegal.' Germany, however, to my mind, cannot declare this, because in this way it would prejudice itself in negotiations about the legality of submarine warfare, which are to be expected after the termination of the present war."

REJECTED BIG WAR ORDER

The Vim Company makes trucks exclusively for domestic trade, and only recently turned down big war orders for more than 7000 motortrucks. Mr. Larzelere said today that the domestic trade of the company is so great that it has no time to devote to "war orders."

The action of the Vim Company in rejecting the Packard anti-hyphen plan, today created intense interest among business men and manufacturers of this city. It was freely predicted that within 24 hours other big concerns would join in rejecting the Packard anti-hyphen plan. A wave of uneasiness is today sweeping over unhyphenated employes in factories in this city, and it is expected that the result will be a rush for naturalization papers.

Many unhyphenated persons hold jobs at good wages in Philadelphia and there was a feeling among them today that their chances of advancement were being jeopardized by their failure to take immediate steps toward becoming citizens of the United States.

Mr. Maris, of the Biddle Motor Car Company, suggested today a convention of Philadelphia manufacturers to work out some plan of making the thousands of aliens in this city become citizens. He explained his position after signing and calling to be posted all over the plant notices which told the unhyphenated citizens that they would have to become American citizens if they wanted to amount to anything in his employ.

TO REVIVE PATRIOTISM

Discussing his order, he said: "Patriotism in the United States is at a very low ebb at this time. A great deal of disrespect is being shown our flag, our institutions and our ideals. We have to do something about this right away."

"It is up to true Americans to get together in this matter of eliminating the hyphen. The hyphen is a cancer which has to be welded together, or we will face national disaster."

"I am willing to co-operate in a movement with all the Philadelphia manufacturers to eliminate absolutely the hyphen from the birthplace of the nation. It might be a good plan for the Philadelphia manufacturers to meet in convention and take some concerted action toward forcing the thousands of aliens in this city into citizenship."

Officials of the Link-Belt Company are considering the adoption of the Packard anti-hyphen plan. S. B. Peck, vice president of the company, said today: "I endorse the action of the Packard Motor Car Company. Those who live in this country and make their living here should be naturalized and take their stand for adoption to become loyal American citizens. I do not believe in a divided loyalty. Our hospitality has been abused by many of these aliens. Many who have been actually disloyal to our institutions have placed themselves under suspicion by failing to come out against the aggressions of their countrymen. The Link-Belt Company is in sympathy with the movement started by the Packard Company, and we believe that the question of adopting it ourselves is worthy of consideration."

STATE ABANDONS CASE AGAINST JAKE GILMAN

Commonwealth Forced to Admit Weakness of Testimony in Suit

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THE COMMONWEALTH this afternoon abandoned the case against Jake Gilman, former constable attached to Magistrate Call's office, who was accused of conspiracy and subornation of perjury in fraudulent bail cases. This action was taken before Judge McMichael in Quarter Sessions Court because of the inability of the Commonwealth to produce more evidence than was presented at Gilman's first trial.

The bills of indictment were submitted to a jury for a verdict of not guilty. At his first trial Gilman was convicted on the charges named, but was subsequently granted a new trial on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain the verdict.

An indictment charging Walter Curry, the Commonwealth's principal witness in its prosecution of Edward Bernstein, Izzy Lipkin and Adolph Koch, now serving sentences for fraudulent bail offenses, was also submitted for a verdict of not guilty.

Assistant District Attorney Maurer said the Commonwealth was willing to drop the charges against Curry for the service he rendered in the Bernstein arrest.

Gilman was convicted before Judge Finletter on December 9. He was accused of conspiring with the three mentioned in obtaining fraudulent bail.

Bernstein, the principal witness against Gilman when the then assistant district attorney, Rogers, was preparing his case, so changed his testimony in court that there was grave doubt in Judge Finletter's mind whether the Commonwealth had made out a case against Gilman. He, however, refused the application of Senator Samuel Salus, the defendant's counsel, to have the bills submitted, and after a long deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The testimony of Koch and Lipkin was ruled out, as they had been sentenced on charges of perjury.

Ambassador von Bernstorff received from Berlin today a cable telling that a memorandum from the Foreign Office regarding the Lusitania is on the way to him.

The Ambassador's message was dated January 30 (Sunday). He believes, he said, the memorandum referred to will reach here either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. In either event he will be able to communicate its contents to the State Department some time Saturday.

Count von Bernstorff said that he hoped to be able to resume his conference with Secretary Lansing on this subject tomorrow. He was very optimistic and characterized all rumors that the situation might become serious as "for political effect."

It was learned today that at the last conference between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff the former explained why President Wilson would not approve the tentative draft of an agreement submitted on behalf of Germany. A correction that would fill the bill was mutually agreed upon. At the request of the Ambassador this was submitted to the President. It was then approved by the Executive and returned to the Ambassador, who transmitted it to the German Foreign Office with a strong recommendation that it be accepted. It is the reply to this communication that Count von Bernstorff now is awaiting from Berlin.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ON TRIP

West Philadelphia Graduating Class Leaves for Washington

The graduating class of the West Philadelphia High School for Boys left for Washington this morning on a three-day visit to the capital, which will include views of Congress at work and the places of historic interest. Professor Arthur Hoagland, of the school faculty, was in charge of the boys.

At least 110 boys took the trip, virtually the entire class, which voted some time ago to abolish the usual class day exercises in favor of the more useful out-of-town tour.

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